

Hornberg of Council Bluffs, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Steven is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 3 in Council Bluffs.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Steven's Eagle Scout Project consisted of refinishing several old doors at an inner city school. The work ethic Steven has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Steven and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING MAJOR ALEXANDER W. HILL FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and commend Major Alexander "Alex" W. Hill from Federal Way, Washington, on his service in the United States Air Force.

Major Hill distinguished himself from an early age. He attended local public schools and in 2002, graduated from Fife High School as a Washington State Honor Graduate. Major Hill then attended Washington State University (WSU), where he met his future wife, Sara, who is now the mother to their two young daughters, Mackenna and Arlee. He made the selfless decision to go above and beyond by joining the ROTC program at WSU. After graduating in 2006, Major Hill was commissioned in the Air Force.

Major Hill's career in the Air Force has been one marked with distinction. He has logged over 2,800 flight hours and more than 1,600 combat hours. He has mastered operating a wide variety of aircrafts including AC-130U, AC-130W, MC-130W, MC-12W, C-130E/H/J, TC-12, and T-6A. Among his many accomplishments, Major Hill was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Aerial Achievement Award.

Major Hill has proven himself to be a strong and capable leader. On November second, 2016, joint U.S. and Afghan forces were ambushed by Taliban fighters near Kunduz, Afghanistan. Having suffered sixteen casualties in the first few moments of the ambush, and surrounded on all sides with enemies rapidly approaching, friendly forces turned to their air

support—an AC-130U gunship commanded by Major Hill. Over the next two hours of non-stop combat, the gunship's crew conducted nineteen attacks, firing lethal ordnance within meters of their severely wounded comrades. Major Hill and his crewmember's efforts prevented enemy soldiers from approaching, and allowed the joint U.S. and Afghan forces to successfully withdraw and evacuate their wounded.

Throughout the engagement, Major Hill and his crew displayed perseverance and quick thinking in a seemingly impossible situation. They were able to remain calm throughout multiple weapon malfunctions and setbacks. In the end, Major Hill and his crew saved fifty lives that day. Their bravery and clear-headedness earned them the 2016 MacKay Trophy for most meritorious flight of the year.

Noted as humble by his peers, Major Hill is a committed leader who serves our country with distinction. He has not only answered the call to duty, but has answered it with exceptional skill and discipline.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Major Alexander Hill, and thank him for his exemplary leadership and courage in service to his country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on July 26, 2018, due to a prior district obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

YEA for rollcall vote 378 and

YEA for rollcall vote 379.

TRIBUTE TO WYONA WILLIAMS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Wyona Williams on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during Wyona's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Wyona has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ms. Williams in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Wyona Williams on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING

TERESITA BATAYOLA AS A 2017 WOMAN OF INFLUENCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Teresita Batayola, CEO of International Community Health Services (ICHS).

International Community Health Services provides medical and dental care, as well as behavioral health and health education services to many, including the Seattle area's Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Under the leadership of Teresita Batayola, it has grown into an award-winning healthcare organization, and the largest nonprofit organization that serves Asian and Pacific Islander populations in Washington State.

Born in the Philippines and raised in Seattle, Ms. Batayola knew from an early age that she wanted to be a leader in public service. She received a B.A. in Public Affairs from Seattle University, and a Masters in Urban Administration from Bucknell University. She proved to be an exemplary leader on economic and community development issues, and she worked as Strategic Development Advisor on a World Bank Project in Surabaya, Indonesia, and then headed Comprehensive Planning for the City of Seattle. Washington Governor Jay Inslee also appointed her to the Healthier Washington Health Innovation Leadership Network and the Seattle College Board of Trustees. In 2005, she became the CEO of ICHS.

Under Ms. Batayola's stewardship, ICHS experienced unprecedented growth, opening several new clinics around the Seattle area—the culmination of an eight year-long planning effort. The organization currently serves over 25,000 patients at eight locations, providing care in over fifty languages.

Ms. Batayola's outstanding leadership has helped to earn ICHS many awards. The Puget Sound Business Journal recognized Teresita Batayola as one of 2017's Women of Influence. In 2014 and 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services named ICHS a National Quality Leader. The organization also received the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Healthcare from the state of Washington in 2015. Ms. Batayola herself has been recognized for an astounding number of awards. Some of these include being selected as Seattle Business Magazine's outstanding leader in healthcare, the Filipino Community of Seattle's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Leadership, the University of Washington Women Center's WOMAN of COURAGE, the National Association of Community Health Center's Betsey K. Cooke Grassroots MVP Award winner, as well as a White House Champion for Change.

Her commitment to affordable healthcare has ensured that ICHS has been able to provide diverse communities access to vital services. Ms. Batayola has helped make available culturally appropriate services to many who would otherwise be marginalized in the health sector. By doing so, she has helped to fight for equality and make our community an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Teresita Batayola on being named a 2017 Woman of Influence. I commend her on her